



Sign up for the Mount Vernon Advisor



Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe that summer is over and the fall season is nearly here. Before our hot, humid summer greens fully change into the crisp, brisk mornings and we begin marveling at the beautiful reds, golds and browns of autumn, there are few people and events in our own community that we can marvel at

and also be thankful for.

Mount Vernon District is proud to say that its own **Glenda Booth** and **the Mason Neck Lions Club** will be recipients of the Environmental Excellence Award! The award is given to individuals and organizations that dedicate great amounts of time and energy into keeping the environment safe, clean and natural. Booth and the Mason Neck Lions Club have both devoted large amounts of time to preserving the gorgeous and diverse landscapes of this county. And as we enjoy the beauty of nature, I want to thank them for helping keep it that way!

We can also marvel at a former longtime resident of our district, 80-year old **Roger Webb**, who has been competing in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) since 1999. This month he was chosen to carry the NVSO's ceremonial torch at the opening of the games and he competed in eight events. In addition to being a competitor, Mr. Webb has been an NVSO volunteer and on the event's organizing committee for the past five years.

I encourage all residents of this district to stay active and involved in the community. There are plenty of options to do this, from joining us this past Saturday for my Woodlawn area familiarity hike or joining **GrandInvolve** to tutor and befriend students in our neediest elementary schools (see below)!

Another member of our community deserves recognition as well. **Jim O'Farrell**, through the support of the Travis Manion Foundation, organized and directed the Alexandria 9/11 Heroes Run, an annual 5K run that honors the sacrifices our of veterans and first responders by encouraging participants to push themselves as far as they can go. Jim sets the leadership example by bringing the community together to honor those who lost their lives in service to all of us and raising tens of thousands of dollar to meet the needs of those serve. Having the Heroes Run in our district is an honor and a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made every day for our families and freedom.

Even in other states and territories, members of our community stay active in helping others. **Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue Force**, has provided teams of specially-trained fire and rescue personnel to help combat the three hurricanes (Harvey, Irma and Maria) of the past month and their aftermaths in Houston, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. In their communications to the Board, we are pleased to share that all members of the team are safe, in high spirits and making a difference in the communities they have or are serving. We are grateful to have such brave and caring people on

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in this community they have or are getting. We are grateful to have such staff and caring people on our county teams!

Speaking of teams, please welcome a familiar neighbor to our team, **Sue Conway Bernstein**. Sue joins us as our Community Relations Liaison and will be responsible for community events and outreach. Sue is a driven organizer who recently helped coordinate the efforts at West Potomac for the Wolverine Green Project. Please welcome Sue when you see her!

Lastly, I would like to extend an invitation to join me at the **2nd Annual Tour de Mount Vernon bike ride on Saturday morning November 4th**. It's a great opportunity for us to get together and bike some of our beautiful district's trails and roadways. There's nothing quite like a bike ride to take in the fall scenery- just make sure to dress warmly!

This county and our district residents continue to make such an important difference in all of our lives. Whether it is a natural disaster, the somber anniversary of a tragedy, preserving the environment or just being active in the community, we should all be proud and thankful for their work.

Respectfully yours in public service,

Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

September 2017 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1174
- Meetings: 43
- Hosted meetings: 47



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Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 am - 5 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Second Saturday Each Month.
Lorton Library: 9 am - 11:30 am
MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins and by appointment



Recognizing Exceptional Board Authority and Commission Appointees



I believe that residents who put forth great effort into serving their communities deserve special recognition. This month I would like to thank and recognize two of the most active members of our community who have been steadily working to make our county a better



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Deborah Hammer, who serves on the Fairfax Area Disability Services board, has been working in the field of special education for 26 years, and works with people with a wide range of disabilities. The board's main goal is to represent residents with physical and sensory disabilities and include them in mainstream

community life. Through her work with the board, she has addressed various issues that could affect Fairfax County citizens with disabilities, such as accessible housing, employment opportunities and coordinating with first-responders and communication companies for people with disabilities in the event of an emergency. She is currently employed at Arlington Public Schools as an autism specialist, and spends some of her free time serving as co-chair of the Northern Virginia Transition Coalition and running a club for young adults with autism.

Andrew Painter, an attorney as well as a member of the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Board, was nominated to serve on the committee in 2009 after he did a report of Fairfax County's last remaining rural landscapes. The board aims to protect and preserve the county's open spaces, as well as its forested and agricultural lands, in turn helping to preserve the county's proud agrarian history. The program Painter is a part of allows certain property to apply for a reduced land use tax rate as long as the property is not developed any further and remains in its rural state. This has helped the county to preserve the beautiful countryside of its youth.



Thank you, Deborah and Andrew, for working hard to make our community such a great place to live.

Permit Q



As part of the county's ongoing efforts to make our land development process as seamless as possible, the Department of Land Development Services and the Department of Planning and Zoning have recently released "Fairfax Permit Q". This new technology will enable residents to queue for zoning and building permit lines without even leaving their house! By using a computer, mobile phone or kiosk, this new initiative will save valuable time, and it is very easy to obtain:

- Download the "QLess app" on your mobile phone for iPhone and Android
- Text "Fairfaxpermits" to (703) 457-1451
- Visit [this page](#)
- Use an on-site kiosk

In-person customer service will still be provided at the Herry Building (12055 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA).

Community Action Advisory Board Seeking South County Members



Over 69,000

The Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board is looking for residents of the South County area



Fairfax County residents live in poverty.

If you think that is too many, let your voice be heard!

Volunteer to be a member of the Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board.

Fairfax County is looking for community residents (especially residents with limited incomes) who are interested in working to empower residents to achieve self-sufficiency and reach their full potential. We are seeking applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, genders, geography, abilities and ethnicities.

Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month:

Residents of the South County area to join them in their mission to uplift lower-income citizens and help them reach self-sufficiency.

For additional information about the CAAB, please visit [this page](#).

Those interested are encouraged to call Lanita Thweatt at (703) 324-7500, or e-mail CAAB@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Summer Traffic Citations



Remember to obey the laws of the road! This summer, from June 1 to Aug 21, the Mount Vernon Police Station had an aggressive driving campaign that resulted in 2,313 tickets being issued to people who failed to obey traffic laws. During the same time period last year 2,027 tickets were given out.

There are many things to remember about traffic safety and perhaps new skills to learn. If you need a refresher, please read the Fairfax County Police Department's resources on traffic safety, located [here](#).

Community Shred Event Commission for Women Seeks Student Representative



COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

Support your local Crime Solvers Program while disposing of your personal and financial documents securely! Shredding helps prevent identity theft. Tax-deductible donations accepted to benefit Fairfax County Crime Solvers. Swing by and drop off your papers for a suggested donation of \$5 per bag/box. Papers will be shredded on-site. All shredded materials are recycled to help protect the environment.

Saturday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. – noon.

Commission for Women Seeks Student Representative

The Fairfax County Commission for Women is seeking a college or high school student interested in serving on the Commission from September 2017 through May 2019 or 2020.

The student will serve as a voting member, aid the Commission in gaining perspective on issues facing young women and serve as a conduit of information to peer groups and student



Mount Vernon District Police Station

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Fairfax County Crime Solvers is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides anonymous phone, email and text capabilities for the public to report criminal activity and wanted persons to police. Tipsters and their information are protected under state law. Cash rewards of \$100 to \$1000 are paid out if tipster's information leads to an arrest and/or case closure. All funds are raised through donations. Learn more by visiting www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org

Email tips securely using our website

Text "TIP 187" plus your tip to CRIMES(274637)**

organizations.

The student representative must be able to attend monthly meetings and provide a summary of accomplishments at the end of the year.

Interested students should see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw for information and application instructions.

Applicants must be:

- Residents of Fairfax County who attend high school or college in Fairfax County
- Sophomores or juniors in the Fall of 2017

For more information, call 703-324-9498; TTY 711 or email Michelle.Mueller@fairfaxcounty.gov

For information about the Commission for Women visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw



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For information on how to reach this location using public transportation, visit www.fairfaxconnector.com 703-339-7871; TTY 711 or www.wmata.com 202-637-7000; TTY 202-638-3780. September 2017.

Come out and attend the Fairfax County Crime Solver's Community Shred Event on October 28, where you can shred personal and financial documents, support your local Crime Solvers with a tax-deductible donation, and recycle all at the same time! Shred events held in the past have been very successful, with over 1,000 lbs. of shredded documents recycled.

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Mount Vernon District Police Station, located at 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA.

The Fairfax County Commission for Women is currently seeking applicants for its Student Representative. The position serves as an opportunity to build perspective on the issues that young women are facing today, and the representative will be expected to attend monthly meetings and produce a summarized list of accomplishments at the end of the year.

The Commission requires that the applicant be a Fairfax County resident currently attending high school or college in the county.

For more information, please visit [this page](#). You can also call (703) 324-9498 or e-mail michelle.mueller@fairfaxcounty.gov.

National Take-Back Initiative



The Drug Enforcement Administration is hosting its 14th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 28, running from 10am to 2pm. Head to the Mount Vernon District Police Station, located at **2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA**, where you can learn about various prescription medications, as well as their potential for abuse. In addition, you will be able to anonymously and responsibly dispose of any prescription drugs you no longer need or want.

Flushing or throwing away drugs can cause contamination in our ground, waterways, and future drinking water as waste treatment plants are not equipped to handle the disposal prescription drugs. Please do the right thing for the environment and community and dispose of them properly!

Mount Vernon Rabies Clinic



If you own a dog or cat, it's important to be a responsible owner and get them their shots and vaccinations. Rabies doesn't just affect our furry friends- it can affect us and our neighbors too, and that's why it is very important that we keep our pets vaccinated against this deadly disease. I was thrilled to see nearly 80 pet owners attending the Mt. Vernon rabies clinic on September 10, where dog licenses were also available.



Thank you to all the responsible pet owners who attended the clinic and kept their pets safe against rabies! Please visit [this page](#) to learn more about the rabies virus and the low-cost rabies clinics available.

Fairfax County Well Water Clinic

While the public water supplies in our district are tested frequently for contaminants like bacteria and nitrates, private water sources like wells and springs are only tested rarely. This is a great opportunity for owners of private water supplies to have the quality of their water tested and learn important information about how to care for their water.

You can attend the informative kick-off on October 16, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Virginia Cooperative Extension Pennino Building (12011 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax VA, 22035) in the Virginia Room on the 10th floor.

Drop off your water samples at the same location on October 18, from 6:30am to 10:00am.

Return to the Pennino Building (2nd floor, Room 206) to pick up your samples and have the results interpreted on November 15, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.



What's In Your Water?



Do you know what's in your drinking water? While public water supplies are tested daily for contaminants, most private water supplies, like wells and springs, are rarely tested. It is recommended that well owners test their water at least annually for bacteria and nitrates.

Learn more about the quality of your water and how to care for your water system at our

Fairfax County Well Water Clinic

PRE-REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED

KICK-OFF

Oct. 16, 2017 from 7:00PM - 8:30PM

SAMPLE DROP OFF _____ Oct. 18, 2017 from 6:30AM—10:00AM ONLY
Pennino Building

RESULTS/INTERPRETATION _____ Nov. 15, 2017 from 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Pennino Bldg., 2nd floor (Room 206)

Virginia Household Water Quality Program (VHWQP) analyzes samples for the following:
(For more information on this statewide program go to www.wellwater.bie.vt.edu/clinics)

• iron	• arsenic	• total dissolved solids	• total coliform bacteria
• manganese	• fluoride	• hardness	• E. Coli bacteria
• nitrate	• sulfate	• sodium	
• lead	• pH	• copper	

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Fairfax County Department of Transportation - Public Meetings Notice

Mark your calendars! Fairfax County Department of Transportation is hosting public meetings across the county to give residents an update on the Fairfax County Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP) . They have scheduled four (4) public outreach meetings for October and the first one is in the Mount Vernon District:

- * South County Government Center - 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria - Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, from 7-9 p.m.
- * North County Governmental Center - 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston - Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, from 7-9 p.m.
- * Fairfax County Government Center - 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax - Monday, Oct. 23, 2017, from 7-9 p.m.
- * Thomas Jefferson Library - 7415 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church - Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, from 7-9 p.m.

More information to follow-- stay tuned!